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Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (copy attached) originally submitted to National Archive Records Administration (NARA) and subsequently referred to U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) for processing. The referred request was assigned USSOCOM FOIA 2019-023.

USSOCOM received the attached five documents from NARA which are responsive to your request and reviewed for a release determination. Portions of the documents are being partially withheld under (b)(3), 10 U.S.C. § 130b, for personally identifying information regarding personnel assigned to an overseas, sensitive or routinely deployable unit and (b)(6) which protects personal information that if disclosed to a requester would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you may appeal within 90 days to the appellate authority, the Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). To submit your appeal, you should write directly to: ODCMO Director of Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox #24, Alexandria, Virginia 22350-1700. Appeals can also be made via the OSD FOIA portal at <https://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or by email at [OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil). Your appeal should cite case number 2019-023, and be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may also contact the USSOCOM FOIA Office at [foia@socom.mil](mailto:foia@socom.mil) or our FOIA Public Liaison, James Hogan, at [osd.foialiaison@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foialiaison@mail.mil) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

The contact information for OGIS is as follows: email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; or mail at 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,

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Attachments